

Opinion on Issuing the ROTC/NSCC Award
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Commander-in-Chief Bruce D. Frail requested an Opinion regarding the number of ROTC/NSCC awards that may be issued per school and per branches of service which are hosted by that school.

It is the opinion of the National Counselor, based on the research of material, that only one ROTC/NSCC Award may be issued for each military branch hosted by a school.

The ROTC program was reaffirmed, awarding one cadet per unit, at the 2006 National Encampment. The decision at the 2017 National Encampment was if a school has more than one unit, an award could be issued for each branch of the military; that directive was sent to the Programs and Policy Committee. At the Council of Administration on March 27, 2018 in Brentwood, Tennessee the directive from the 2017 National Encampment was passed.

Form 7 and our website do not reflect what was approved at the 2006 and 2017 National Encampments.

Research

2006 National Encampment Proceedings, Page 65

- “Council of Administration, Leo Kennedy
The next item. Staying with the ROTC Program, I recommend that where Camps and Departments choose to participate, we continue to recognize one deserving Cadet per Unit on the high school or college level. We ask for clarification on this last night and apparently this is the current policy, and we concurred.
Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby
Objections?
[One rap *]”

2017 National Encampment, Pages 133-137

- “Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers’ Reports, Chairman
The Assistant Quartermaster Program, George Shadman, recommendation number one. As the guy who has to process the awards, I like the one award per school per branch of service guideline unless there is a very unusual circumstance to vary from that. I have had schools that have requested as many as four or five awards this past year. Our Organization cannot afford to accommodate that kind of request, if all schools submitted multiple Form 7’s. Thankfully, when I explained our guidelines, all have been understanding. Please keep this in the program. We would recommend to send this to P&P.”
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Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief
Brother, I’m gonna go ahead and shut this down. I apologize but we need to go ahead and go to vote. Okay? Yeah, so I’m not gonna take any more discussion. Sorry. We are back at the original vote. A “yes” vote sends this to the Programs and Policies Committee. All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. Passes.

[one rap, *]”

Council of Administration, Minutes March 27, 2018, Brentwood, Tennessee

- “9. Assistant National Quartermaster: George Shadman
Recommendation #1: As the guy who has to process the awards I like the “one award per school per branch of service” guideline unless there is a very unusual circumstance to vary from that. I have had schools that have requested as many as four or five awards this past year. Our organization could not afford to accommodate that kind of request if all the schools submitted multiple Form 7s. Thankfully when I explain our guidelines all have been understanding. Please keep this in the program. [ACTION: Programs and Policies]
[ACTION: Motion by Council of Administration Member Donald Martin that one medal per branch, per year, per school be awarded, seconded by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler. Motion Passed]”

Form 7 - ROTC/NSCC Award Application

- There is no restrictions to the number of awards to be given out. This is further supported by the statement found in the fifth line of Form 7, "AN INDIVIDUAL FORM 7 MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH CADET - NO EXCEPTIONS". The word "each" implies that a school can submit multiple applications.

Program Defined on Our Website - <https://suvchw.org/rotc-jrotc-award/>

- We don't require a Camp or Department to participate in the awarding of cadets. We state, "Where a Camp and Department chooses not to participate, or in locales where no Camp or Department exists, the ROTC/JROTC/NDCC Award may be purchased by the unit using the Form 7 application / order form." The ROTC/NSCC Unit is not obligated to follow SUVCW rules other than those defined in Form 7.